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Summary;

From 8-12-08, through, 10-31-08

Officers assigned to duty;

Catherine Grilz # 447

This is a Combined Monthly Report;

Due to vacation time used, and the Republican National Convention, training and event, along with Zoo Boo at Como Park

Facts and Findings; Time of duty; 0600-1400

Crosby Farm Park and Hidden Falls North & South along with Watergate Marina, I have noticed an increase in compliance in the City of Saint Paul parks, I have had other duties and due to other assignments I have not been able to focus on dog detail as in previous months.

During this time frame I am continuing to notice that some of the locations used are not reflective of my hours and the complaints are more increasingly towards the evening, the areas of high use are hidden an deeper into the woods such as the south end of Crosby by Elwy, these areas are very secluded and much harder to locate the violator. I feel that the need for changes in hours. Or an addition of an Officer to this detail is a needed necessity to reflect the user's times and to adequately provide safety in this area of detail. I am still receiving complaints for all areas listed above

Arlington and Arkwright-The Dog Park, I have continued observation of the dog park. There is a lot of change taking place in the park; the addition of the stairs is a welcomed site from the visitor's.

The second addition of the double entry gate is also receiving great compliments, a concern to railings for the new stairs has been brought to my attention for the elderly, and also wood chips are greatly needed in the upper area and the lower area these areas are now turning into muddy mess for the park and dog owners.

I am continually informing them of the rules for the park and stated that they are to be watched at all times. I have explained that this is one of the causes for the park not being kept clean "you can not clean what you do not see" and that it is also violation of the park rules.

Mears Park & Wacouta Park & Edgcombe & Groveland, A continued focus of dog owners not cleaning up the feces remains but the findings are not, to date I have **not** found this to be an issue, but will continue to observe and cite if seen and utilize the flyers as a educational warning, we will continue observation on the areas and reported problems, These areas are on a routine/staggered time of patrol, with an estimated time frame of 15 to 30 min at each park.

Cherokee Park, Mounds Park, Phalen park, Newell, Desnoyer park, Bruce Vento Sanctuary, and Langford park I have added these an some others to a routine/staggered patrols. **Pickerel Lake** and the **brick yard**, I have found some violators in these areas and have encountered a few that have become aggressive that required assistance from the police, mounds park being one and **Linwood recreation center**, in the early morning this area had approximately 20 visitors with DOL, rec center staff stated they were not aware that the public is not allowed to do this, I spent time explaining the rules and gave contact info. I will be advising an /or issuing citations when seen, **College Park** I have also found multiple violators in this area, and at **Mounds Park too**. On these parks I am at the point of **citing when seen** for violations, I will continue to use my best judgments when making the decision to cite them or not.

At the Sanctuary I have found people using this area for **DOL's**, I find this a little upsetting due to the fact of it still being in the **process of restoration**, if found I have been very firm when stating the facts of the area, and that they will be cited the next time seen.

Summery;

The Environment Office has completed the flyer and I am still **awaiting its approval** before handing it out to the public. My hope is to educate and to create more awareness of the environmental effects of dogs off leash.

The number of Citations has greatly **decreased** due to the times of usage along with the number of advisements; I strongly believe it is from the awareness of our presence in the parks, and creating a compliance with the public.

Most of the time I am seeing an immediate reaction to my presence, and they put the dog on the leash, this shows we are successful with our duties

Hidden Falls north is a problem area, but because of the fence line along the end of the park being damaged the opportunity to inform is hard, they cross over into the **FORD motor company property**, these people are for the most part are aware of the rules and regulations and I have cited some of them before.

I have watched them leash the dog on the ford motor property, and walk into the park, until the fence line is fixed it will be difficult to advise or cite them.

Attempts to contact Property Management have been made, or the appropriate person / place to see what can be done to fix the fence line. As of yet the fence line is not fixed, a work order was made with in our parks department through Karen Misiewicz and a follow up has been done, hopefully for the safety of the public this is fixed soon.

I also feel that the **recreational centers** need to have our **DOG ORDANINCE** flyers on hand to promote more awareness within the recreation departments

I am continuing to take an educational approach with the public and I am diligent of informing the public of our ordnances.